

The MINT of the UNITED STATES, at PHILADELPHIA.

Regulations for Receiving Silver by Purchase, or for Conversion into Bars

SILVER will be received in the following forms, viz.:

Pigs; Lumps and Grains in their native state, free from earth and stone.

Silver Ware, Bars, Plate, Kings, &c., containing but a small portion of base metal.

Foreign Coin, United States defaced Coin, and Trade Dollars.

Silver is purchased by weight and assay, and paid for in standard Silver Dollars, at variable rates, according to the price ruling in the Market. Silver is coined only on Government account.

Deposits of less value than One Hundred Dollars in Coin may be refused; also, Bullion so base as to be unsuitable for Coinage.

If Fine Bars are desired, the charge for making them will be one-quarter of a cent per ounce on the fine Silver contained therein. Should the metal require parting or refining, a small charge (sufficient to cover the cost of the operation) will be made,—varying from a quarter-cent to two cents per ounce on the gross weight; or three cents, if Dore Silver of a high grade.

Deposits of Silver are paid in Silver Bars. If a deposit contains one dollar or more in Gold after deducting the parting charge, the value of such Gold will be paid in Gold Coin.

A receipt is given for each deposit or purchase; which deposit or purchase, is kept entirely separate until after it is melted, assayed and the exact value ascertained, based on the weight after melting.

Deposits and purchases are usually paid on the third day after they are received.

The Mint recognizes no depositor except the person who presents the Bullion at the Mint.

Persons at a distance can employ the Express Companies, or their business correspondents to deposit for them. The Adams Express Company has an Agent in the Mint building for that purpose. No one connected with the Mint is allowed to make such deposits.

When forwarding by Express, always send instructions with the package, and have name and place of business, or residence plainly written on the outside of it.

For the purpose of enabling the Mint to give correct statistics, Depositors of Bullion in native forms are expected to state from what region it is derived.

DANIEL M. FOX,

Superintendent.